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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

VOMARC TOURS SUTRO TOWER

On April 1st, a group of VOMARC members toured Sutro Tower in San Francisco. Our thanks to Stan, NJ6E, who set the tour up and Eric Dausman, KD7DNM, Vice President of SutroTower for showing us around.

Sutro Tower is the antenna/transmitter site for nearly all the TV and FM stations in the bay area.

The tower is 977 ft. tall. During the conversion from analog to digital format, it was climbed and the entire top portion removed and replaced with new antennas.

Our host is anxious to parallel feed one of the cables shown and get on 160m.

For more info, check out http://www.sutrotower.com/

—Jim, K6UUW

FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

The April meeting is a very important one because the Hamfest planning needs to be done. The Hamfest is our biggest fund raiser and take the effort of all members to succeed.

We need help in the kitchen, talk-in, swap registration, parking monitoring and somebody to take care of signage. Please come and sign up.

Stan, NJ6E, and I motored to the Livermore swap meet and passed out a bunch of flyers. We also chatted up the Hamfest to anyone that would listen. Response was very positive.

Thanks to all who attended last month's meeting to hear Bob Vallio, ARRL Pacific Division Director speak. It was great to see so many folks from the surrounding communities attend.

As I write this, I am preparing for the upcoming DX convention at Visalia. I have QSO'd Elvin, JA3CZY, twice now and he will be attending the convention, so I am looking forward to

giving him a QSL card in person. Yesterday, 4/7, he was a genuine S-9 on 15m.

On April, Ken, Alan, Dave, San and I set up a station at Sonoma Skypark. This is the day that the local experimental airplane group gives free rides to young people. The idea is that we could expose amateur radio to the kids.

We used the club Icom 718 and an R-7 vertical antenna mounted on the second story of the airport office building. We made about a dozen contacts, mainly because there were a few state QSO parties.

Now that we have the station set-up down, we could make it a monthly event. More about this later with pictures.

Remember to turn on your radio and contact someone. I am sure big business would love to get their hands on our bands, so keep them active.

See you at the the meeting.

73, JIm

Minutes for March 16, 2011

There were 26 in attendance for the presentation & 16 in attendance for the meeting.

The presentation was put on by Bob Vallio Bob Vallio, W6RGG, the ARRL Pacific Division director and was very informative.

Meeting was called to order at 8:40pm.

Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Net control for the next few months was discussed. Net controls are still needed for VOMARC & ACS.

Treasures report: There is about $3436.00 in the bank. Club dues are due now if you haven't already paid.

ACS: on March 26, we will be installing HF Antenna's at the EOC. Plus we will put up ACS Antennas & have a planning meeting. Meet at the EOC at 9am if you wish to help. The filters are fixed & ready to use for field day.

Old Business:

Anyone interested in the SUtro tower tour on April 1 please contact Stan, NJ6E/ Plans are to meet at the Whole Foods Parking lot and leave at 8:$%AM.

New Business:

There was discussion of putting a station on the air at the Sonoma Skypark Airport once a month when the Young Eagles meet. It is hoped that this ill encourage young people t investigate ham radio. the next Young Eagles Day is April 10 at 9AM. The antennas will be put up the day before.

The **HamFest** is April 30. We need to be busy with advertising to ensure a good turn out for the main event of the year. The San Ramon emergency vehicle will be on display at the hamfest this year.

The April meeting for VOMARC will be at the police department. The program will be on antenna modeling.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Brady, W6WXU

APRIL MEETING PROGRAM

This months program will be a presentation on antenna modeling.

The computer modeling program was developed by Roy Lewallen, W7EL. Stan will use this program to show how simple antennas work.

2011 ACS
Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH		
APRIL	MARTY	KI6RTP
MAY		
JUNE	GEORGE	K6ITE
JULY	CRAIG	KF6QZP
AUGUST	KEN	N6KM
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WD6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

2011 VOMARC
Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	ED	WIEJ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	JOAN	W6WXU
APRIL	DAVE	KG6FIL
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST	KEN	N6KM
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR
DECEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH

DX Code of Conduct

—Submitted by Alan K6KLL

I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.

I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.

I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.

I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot.

I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.

I will always send my full call sign.

I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.

I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.

I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.

I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.

When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.

I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.

I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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THE NEXT MEETING IS Wed, APRIL 20, 2011 at THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC, 175 1ST ST WEST, SONOMA AT 7;30 PM
SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2011 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
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Dues may be mailed to Desmond KI6DZP, 416 Claudia Dr, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.
Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**